

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 Oct 59		2. LOCATION Garretson, S.D.		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 05/0940Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Venus <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 12 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE ENE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Yellowish-white ball of light w/a tube like structure around each end. After watching the obj for two mins, it angled upward changing to a cigar shape and disappeared.				11. COMMENTS Probably the planet Venus as it began to rise in the NE. The shape and color effects were probably due to refraction.	

seeing a apparition of
light — after following
it for around 7 miles I
stopped my car and got out
we all watched it then
soar higher changing almost
to a cigar shape and
just like that it was gone
we headed back to the
highway and north toward
Jasper — My wife spoke
then it is again and
sure enough high in the
clouds was a light I
parked the car and we
watched it come out and
go back into the cloud
again — this ended
our experience and
we returned home —

My statement is
we should be told /
my children are 14
12 - 7 - and 3½ years
of age they are
in a free

I think we should be told

country - they were scared
at what they seen - 6 mo
ago I was terrified -

I believe our Government
owes us an explanation -
as a Father of 4 fine kids
I ask for one - I believe
what I seen was electrical
motivation in movement upon
light waves - a motivation that
needed close generating energy
from the earth - call me
cracked or what have you
but what is this in
our nuclear age or haven't we
a right to know?

~~_____~~
Music Store
~~_____~~ Minnesota

PART-OF-APPARITION-OF
TUBE-LIT-UP-FIRST-

TUBE-OR
ROD-LIKE
STRUCTURE

APPARENT-
GENERATED-FOR-A-MOMENT

CAME-ON-SHORTLY-BEFORE
APPARITION-WENT-OUT?

WHITE-SHIMMERING
APPARITION-OF-LIGHT
SOFT-TO-THE-EYES-NON-GLARE
NON-ILLUMINATING-NON-CORONA
BODY-SHAPE-TO-CONSTANT
MOTION-TO-OBSERVE

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THIS-LOWER-
A-TUBE-LIKE-
ON? AFTER- TOP -

APPARITION-OF-
STRUCTURE-CAME
ONE-HAD-


LIGHT-FIRST-APPEARED-AS-TO-THE-MIND-LIKE
A-CAR-Coming-DOWN-A-HILL-THIS-ILLUSION
DISAPPEARED-WHEN-THE-MIND-UPON-HEARING-
THE-APPARITION-DISCOVERED-A-SHIMMERING
BODY-OF-LIGHT-SUSPENDED-OR-HOVERING-

ABOUT - TWENTY - FEET - OR - SO - ABOVE
THE - EARTH - OR - DIRECTLY - AS - ONE - MIGHT
SAY - ABOVE - THE - ROAD - HAVING - HEARD
SO - MUCH - MYSTICISM - ABOUT - FLYING -
SAUCERS - AND ETC. MY - MIND - DECLARED
UPON IT SELF - TO - ADVANCE - TO - A - POINT
UNDERNEATH - THE - APPARITION - AND -
STUDY - IT - -- FEAR - TAKING HOLD - UPON
ME - PREVENTED - ME - FROM - THIS -
ACTION - I - THEN - STOPPED MY
AUTOMOBILE - LEAVING - MOTOR - RUNNING
AND - LIGHTS - ON - "FOR - A - QUICK - GETAWAY -"
I - STEPPED - FORTH - FROM THE - VEHICLE
AND - PROCEEDED - TO - STUDY - THE -
APPARITION - SUDDENLY - -- ANOTHER
APPARITION - APPEARED - IN - A - TUBE
LIKE - FORM - AT - THE - TOP - OF - THE - MASS
OF - LIGHT - THIS - APPARITION - HAD
A - DEFINATE - SHAPE - ITS - LENGTH
^{APPEARING} ~~RESEMBLING~~ - ABOUT - 18 - INCHES -
AND - ~~OF~~ - COURSE - NO - WAY - TO
TELL - THE - CIRCUMFERENCE - EXCEPT
TO - NOTE - A - CIRCULAR - FORM - AS -
VIEWED - FROM - ONE - SIDE - AT - "
ITS - APPEARING - THE - TOP - PART

AT THE - APPEARANCE - OF
THE - TUBE - LIKE - APPARITIONS -
A GLOW - OF - LIGHT - COULD -
SEEM - TO - BE DISCERNED - AND
SUDDENLY - NOTHING - BUT - DARKNESS
AS - IF - THE - APPEARANCE - OF
THE - TUBES - WAS - A - SIGNAL
FOR - THE - MASS - OF - LIGHT
TO - LEAVE - THE - AREA. ALTHOUGH
HOW - IT - LEFT - I - DO - NOT -
KNOW - I - DROVE - TO - THE - AREA
ABOUT - 70 - FEET - UP - THE - ROAD
AND - AFTER - LEAVING - MY - CAR
LOOKED - AROUND - BUT - SEEN -
NOTHING - TO - GIVE - INDICATION - I - HAD
SEEN - THE - APPARITION - THE - TIME
WAS - 10 MIN TO ONE - BY - MY
WATCH -

- { APPARITION - OF - LIGHT }
OF - STRUCTURE - LIT - UP - WITH - A
BLUE - GLOW - WITH - THE - COLOR - OF
GREEN - ADDED - TO - ITS - BASE -
AND - ~~AS~~ THIS - ALL - TOOK - PLACE
AS - A - GENERATING - PERIOD -
BELOW - THE - APPARITION - OF
THE - MASS - OF - LIGHT - ANOTHER
TUBE - LIKE - STRUCTURE - CAME - ON
THIS - BEING - THE - SAME - APPEARANCE
AS - THE - FIRST - OR - TOP - APPARITION.
BUT - DIFFERING - IN - BEING - OFF
CENTER - FROM - THE - TOP - TUBE
OTHER - WISE - ONE - MIGHT - SUPPOSED
IT - WAS - ONE - LONG - STRUCTURE -
ALTHOUGH - THE - SHIMMERING - OF
THE - MASS - OF - LIGHT - COULD
HAVE - CAUSED - THIS - OFF - CENTER
ILLUSION - AND - NO - MIDDLE - PART
OF - TUBE - LIKE - STRUCTURE -
COULD - BE - DISCERNED -

OF - LIGHT - AS - A - MEANS
OF - MOTIVATION - IN - AS MUCH
THE - LIGHT - SHED - NO - GLOW -
THIS - IN - OPPOSITION - THAT -
TWO - TUBE LIKE - FORMS - APPEARED
ABOVE AND - BELOW - THE - MASS
OF LIGHT - WITH - THE - APPEARANCE
OF - TRUE - STRUCTURE - AND -
FOLLOWING - ~~HAIR~~ - APPEARING
A - GENERATING - SEEM - TO - TAKE
PLACE - IN - PREPERATION - TO
LIGHTING - UP - BOTH - TUBES -
THE - TOP TUBE - LIGHTING - AS - ONE
END - THEN - THE - WHOLE - AND
THE - BOTTOM - ONE - LIKE - WISE -



I - TOOK - A - GLANCE - AT -
THE - HEAVENS - THE - ATMOSPHERE
SEEMED - TO - BE - OF - A - NATURE
THAT - THE - RED - OCHER - AND
BLUE - GREEN - OF - THE - PLANETS
COULD - BE - SAID - TO - BE - MORE
VIVID - THEN - USUAL - THIS - MAY
HAVE - BEEN - DUE - TO - THE - HOUR
OF - MORNING - OR - THE - CONDITION
OF - MY - MIND - IF - WHAT - I -
SEEN - WAS - AN - OPTICAL - ILLUSION
I - WILL - GLADLY - BE - THE - FIRST
TO - WANT - TO - DIS-MISS THE
PHENOMENA - IF - NOT - THEN -
MY - MIND - TELLS - ME - I - HAVE
SEEN - A - MASS - OF - LIGHT - IN
MOTION - OF - SHIMMERING.
OR - BETTER - YET - ENERGY

of it. It must have
been about 400 to
500 feet up but
at first it was
right close to the
earth. It moved
at a rate of speed
around 20 to 30 miles
per hour and more
after we stopped. What
it was like is something
almost indescribable.
At first it was round
then as we kept
following it. It seemed
to go into cone shapes.
Maybe these things
come every night to
visit our nation
maybe these are

Monday and we were
on the highway when
my mother spotted
a half close to the
ground with wings
but did not see it. We
then tried to follow it.
We followed it for
five miles when
we thought we
would run out of
gas. As we stopped
the object disappeared right
before our eyes. Before
it disappeared I looked
at it and here is a
description of it: It is
a round structure with
a red ring like the
planet Saturn has
around the outside

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NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE Mr [REDACTED] (Civilian)	EVALUATION E-6	SRI NO. ACTIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)
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manned platforms
floating in air.

This object which
we seen seemed to
get its power or
energy from the
earth's surface. When
it was close to the
earth it was brighter
than it was when
it got to about 400
feet above the earth.

As it disappeared we
started to go back to
the highway which
we had said before
was about 5 miles
back of us. When
we got to the highway
which led to Jasper
Island, and ~~the~~ Henry,

my mother and I then
noticed an unusually
lighted up cloud. At
first we paid no
attention to the
brilliantly lighted
up cloud. But soon
my mother and I saw
the unidentified object
was not seen from
in view from the
brilliantly lighted
up cloud. As soon
as we told my
father immediately
turned our heads
round and stopped
our motion fifty
feet, back to the
very dark quickly
wiped out of the

be being watched by
unidentified persons in the sky.
For each and everyone
of us we might
have a secret but
the greatest secret
on earth is these
flying saucers. Maybe
Russia has something
to do with this
for on each day
something like this
happens. Russia has
built up Rockets but
on this last one
Russia sent up a
rocket to the moon.
Is this the answer? Well,
the people of America
need our government

car and looking in
the direction but
we were too late
for it had returned
to the brilliantly light-
ed cloud. In about
2 to 5 minutes later
it immersed again
only coming closer
to us than the
first time. So
we quickly found
a turn into a
field of scrub with
where we watch for
not more than a
minute and then
it disappeared. Could
it be that somewhere
or somewhere or
this earth we could

to look for the
answer. What is
it?

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UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location GARRETON, S.D.

Date 5 OCT 59

Hour (Z) 0500Z

WX OVERCAST — VIS 15+ MILES WINDS CALM.

Description BALL OF LIGHT CHANGED TO CIGAR SHAPE —

COLOR YELLOWISH-WHITE —

Direction of Motion NE-EAST

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219) IN SIGHT 12 MINUTES

IN GENERALLY THE SAME DIRECTION.

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) VENUS WAS JUST
RISE IN THE N.E. — PROBABLY REFRACTION OF THIS PLANET.

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) N/A

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) —

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. OBJECT MOVING MUCH

TOO SLOW.

Other —

Evaluation of Source Reliability UNRELIABLE

Analysis and Conclusions: THESE WITNESSES PROBABLY SAW THE
PLANET VENUS AS IT BEGAN TO RISE IN THE
N.E. THE SHAPE AND COLOR EFFECTS WERE
PROBABLY DUE TO REFRACTION. — THE FIRST SIGHT OF
THE OBJECT MAY HAVE STARTLED THE WIFE BUT IT
WAS PROBABLY THE SUGGESTION OF THE FATHER WHICH
HELPED TO CLOUD THE MINDS OF THE OTHER
WITNESSES DURING SUBSEQUENT OBSERVATION —

FRIEND —

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Ref: AFR 200-2, Paragraph 15

a. Description of the Object

- (1) Ball of light changed to cigar shape
- (2) Observer could not estimate
- (3) Yellowish White
- (4) None
- (5) N/A
- (6) A tube like structure around each end
- (7) None Observed
- (8) None
- (9) None

b. Description of course of object

- (1) Bright Light
- (2) 1000 feet above the ground to the north-east
- (3) 2000 feet above the ground to the east
- (4) Traveled in an easterly direction for seven miles, parallel to observer's route, at an estimated speed of forty-five miles an hour
- (5) When the observer stopped his car he watched the object for two additional minutes and then the object angled upward at the same time it changed to a cigar shape, and disappeared at approximately twice its original altitude.
- (6) Twelve Minutes

c. Manner of Observation:

- (1) Ground Visual
- (2) No optical Aids
- (3) N/A

d. Time and Date of sighting:

- (1) 0940Z 5 October 1959
- (2) Dawn

e. Location of Observer: One and One-half miles east of Garretson, S.D.

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

- (1) [REDACTED] Minnesota
Musician, Music Instructor, Music Store Operator
Estimate of Reliability: Unreliable - Police Chief in town of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and publicity seeker. Observer also wanted for passing bad checks in counties surrounding former residence of [REDACTED], Nebraska. Police report in addition that he is guilty of victimizing music students by taking down-payments for music lessons and then failing to give the instructions. Individual has just recently opened a small music store in [REDACTED], Minnesota and conversation with reputable citizens of that community lend credence to the fact that he is believed to have fabricated this entire matter to bring attention on himself and his latest venture in dealing with the public.

g. Weather and Winds Aloft Conditions at time and place of sighting:

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- (1) Cloudy
(2) Winds aloft were not available for the area of the sighting. Winds aloft for Sioux City, Iowa at 0810Z, 5 October 59 were:

Surface - Calm
6,000 ft - 070 at 1 kt
10,000 ft - 080 at 3 kt

- (3) Overcast
(4) 15 plus
(5) 70 to 90%
(6) None

h. Any unusual activity or condition: None

i. Interception or Identification: None

j. Air Traffic in the area: Not available

k. Position Title and Comments of preparing Officer:
AFSC 27300, AC&W Superintendant - Surveillance Officer
Additional Duty - Intelligence Officer

Information was received too late to make a detailed investigation. Also, after inquiring into the observers reliability it was determined not to carry the investigation any further.

l. Physical Evidence: None

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out above the fields
about 1000 feet above ground
gliding pretty along was
a what? Well your
guess is good as mine but
I'll try. It was a mass
of light with a tube light
like structure around the
ends.

By this time I had
my wife stop the car
and I crawled gently under
the wheel knowing this was
a mans job. Our excitement
had awakened our children
and for 7 miles I followed
the flying vehicle of light
My main desire
was to try to catch up
with it side by side.

Our littlest daughter
was crying Daddy please
dont get near it.

My wife was saying
you know were low on
gas and I had my

+

I think we should be told.

At 20 min to 4 o'clock Monday morning my family of 4 children and wife were in our car. The car was moving. My wife was driving, and our location was about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi east of Garretson So Dak - I was seated next to my wife and to all concerned half asleep.

We were out at this hour because of a hasty decision and trip to see my mother in Nebr. We were on our way home -

My wife's voice brought me out of my half wake half sleep conditioned - ~~that~~! What that light there - I answered just a farm light - "~~that~~" my nick name for my wife - She spoke sharply ~~that~~! Look at it - its moving. It did not take me long to come to? for there

It was about the size
of the side of a garage
but cast no reflecting light
and had me scared the
proverbial stiff.

I had made up my
mind to drive right under it
but lost courage at about
70 ft from it.

I then stopped my
car and stepped out with
a prayer on my heart
for help from the good
Lord - momentarily a
tube like structure shot
up from the top of the
mass of light and a
streak of blue green went
down the tubes length
following this a tube
like structure shot
down from the bottom and
followed the course of
the first tube however
they did not meet
in the middle.

I think we should be told

hands full with a very dangerous road to drive to careless on.

I was glad this was happening for which gladness I will explain later. My boy said daddy its just like Saturn or a planet with a ring around it - I said honey speaking to my wife - do you realize what I were following do you see now dear - my statements were made at this moment to her for a reason because 6 months ago in the state of Nebraska I was coming down a lonely road one site when I ran smack into one hanging above the road about 20 ft from the ground - It was a mass body of light - suspended or hovering above the ground and pulsating like the function of the heart.

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I think we should be told!

at that moment the thing disappeared leaving me quite bewildered and very all at heart. I drove up to the spot in the road got out of my car and gazed above me & nothing but nothing could I see. For days the incident left me - sick at heart - I could not explain it and my wife felt I perhaps should not report it - For fear public reaction would not be satisfactory, however I know that what ever the eye and mind see - ~~clears~~ an implant not what we imagine. -

I knew I had seen what I had seen.

Now here we were 6 months later and almost the same event was taking place but this time I was not alone 4 little kids were with me and an adult - they too were -